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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Warm and dry weather prevailed in Nebraska during the past week. Temperatures averaged from three to five degrees above normal. Night-time readings were near normal with light freezes over most sections of the State some time during the week. Days were bright and warm. Readings were in the 80's and 90's early in the week but dropped into the 60's and 70's over the week end. Showers were spreading over the State on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, but amounts were very small except for the 1.31 inches reported at Sidney.

CROPS Wheat continues in good condition. The hot temperatures accelerated growth and placed increasing demands on soil moisture. Some early fields in the southeast are approaching the boot stage. Cutworm activity was noted in the southern Panhandle. Weeds are still a problem in some areas.

Corn planting picked up momentum and is much ahead of last year. About 20 percent is in the ground now compared to 7 percent last year and 10 percent normal. Early plantings are starting to emerge.

Sorghum and soybean planting is just starting in the east and southeast. Spring seeded small grains are making favorable progress, but a good rain would be beneficial. Sugar beet planting is nearing completion with a little replanting to be done. Farmers are watching emerging beets to see if more replanting will be necessary. Other field work consisted of final seed bed tillage and preplant applications of fertilizer and herbicides. Farmers in western areas are also busy tilling summer fallow land.

Alfalfa and wild hay made good progress. Insects have appeared in many alfalfa fields with control measures being utilized in some areas.

About three-fourths of the respondents indicated pasture and range condition as average while the remainder were below average. Warmer weather boosted growth of grasses, but more rain is needed.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally good. The hot days caused some discomfort to livestock on feed. Branding operations are progressing in range areas.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.08	Burwell	None	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	T	Imperial	.12
Norfolk	None	Valentine	.02	Scottsbluff	.02
Omaha	.09			Sidney	1.31
Sioux City	None				

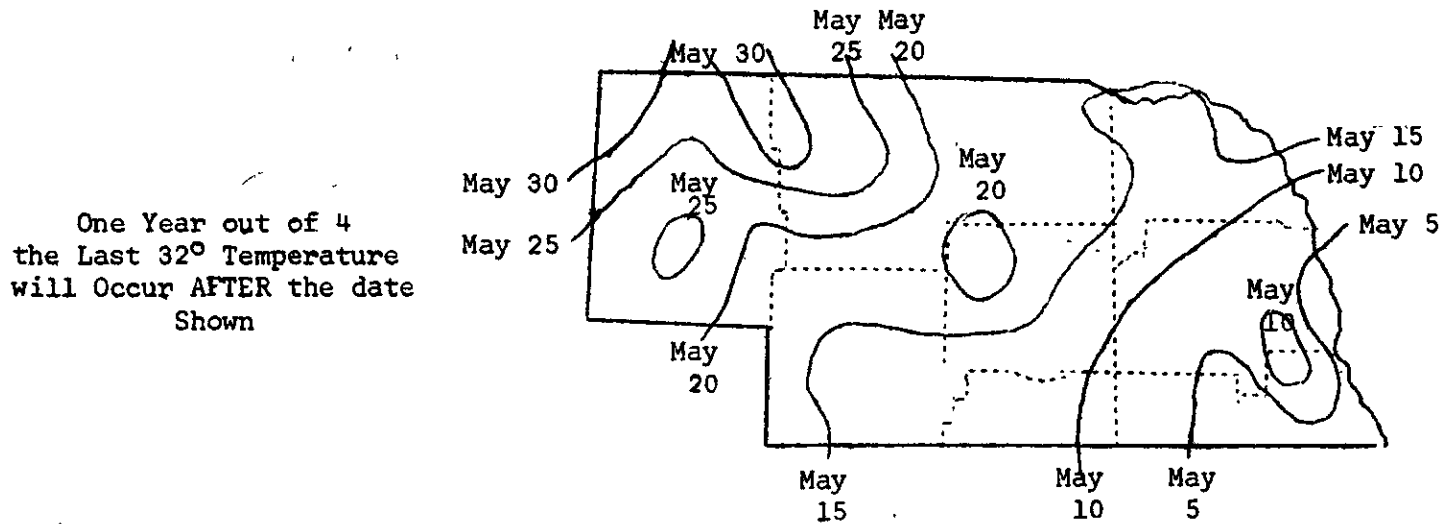
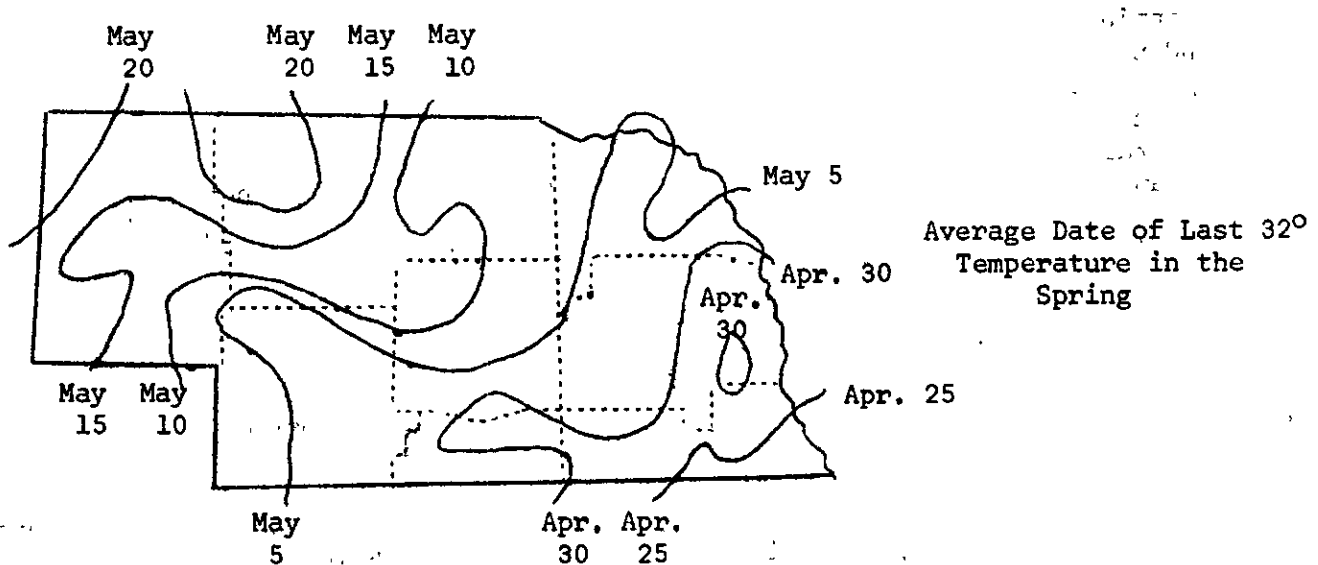
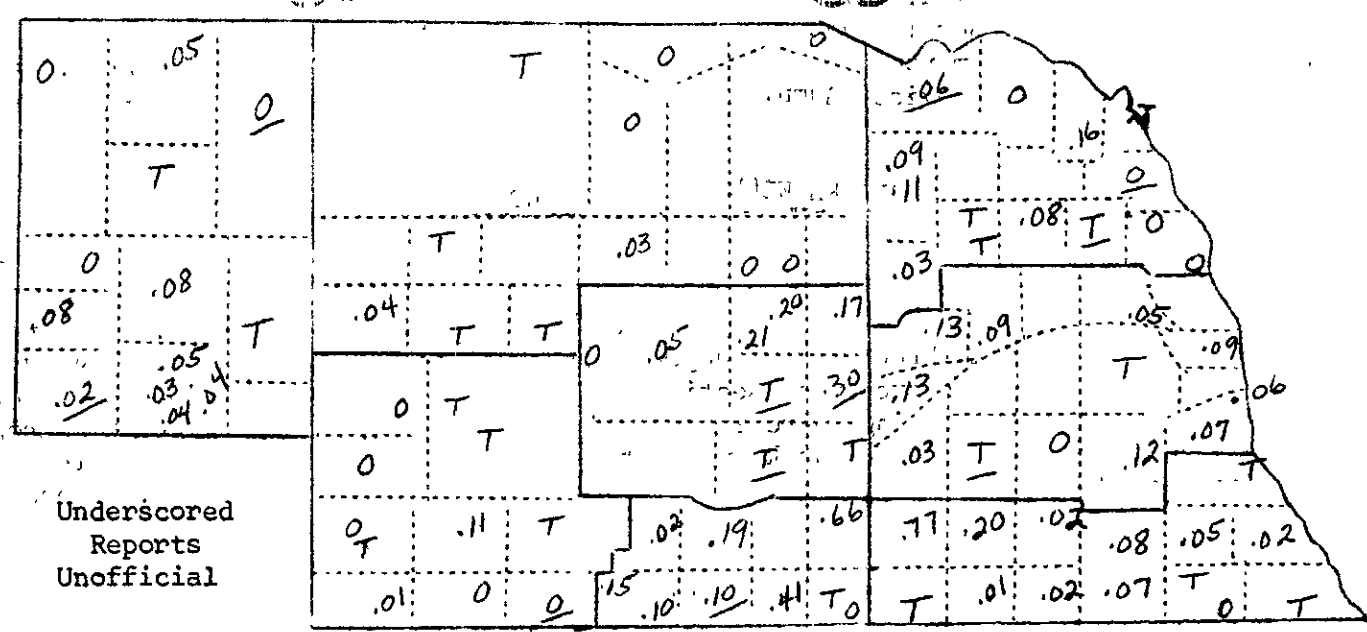
Precipitation, April 1 - May 3, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.03	.01	.05	.10	.07	.01	.19	.09
Total since April 1	1.71	3.14	3.36	2.91	3.56	1.89	2.65	3.54
Normal since April 1	2.13	2.42	2.62	2.48	2.73	2.21	2.51	2.87

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 3, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		April 29th		30th		May 1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	78	39	83	40	80	42	76	30	68	35	65	43	70	48
	Scottsbluff	76	37	81	41	82	41	72	36	68	42	68	41	70	43
	Sidney	74	32	80	45	82	43	78	35	66	38	67	38	74	48
NC	Burwell	77	35	89	50	92	42	85	39	69	41	61	31	66	--
	Valentine	75	40	86	43	87	43	74	35	66	32	56	32	68	50
NE	Norfolk	78	44	88	50	91	48	87	47	68	43	58	31	65	52
	Sioux City	81	45	91	48	92	52	90	50	72	44	61	30	68	54
CEN	Grand Island	79	45	88	54	91	48	92	49	71	42	65	34	69	53
EC	Lincoln	78	49	85	56	92	54	91	53	71	46	63	37	67	54
	Omaha	77	48	84	55	90	63	88	52	70	44	61	34	64	51
SW	Imperial	76	35	87	38	91	43	88	42	69	43	70	39	74	56
	North Platte	76	36	85	40	88	40	86	42	68	38	65	31	69	56